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SUBJECT: SEVERE FLOODING IN NORTHWESTERN ITALY: REQUEST
FOR AID

REF: A. ROME 16500, B. ROME 16503,

1. ONLY PRESENT OPTION TO OBTAIN FUNDING POSSIBLE TO
ASSIST GOVERNMENT OF ITALY IN FLOOD RELIEF IS TO SUBMIT A
REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO CONGRESS. ONCE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
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BILL IS ENACTED AMBASSADOR'S DOLS. 25,000 DISASTER AUTHORITY
WILL BE REINSTITUTED.

2. TO INITIATE ACTION WOULD REQUIRE A DETERMINATION BY THE
AMBASSADOR THAT A DISASTER EXISTS WHICH WARRANTS U.S.
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. THE DISASTER DETERMINATION COULD
COME UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY OF CONGRESS. AID/OFDA WILL THUS

NEED SPECIFIC DIMENSIONS OF DISASTER. WILL NEED TO KNOW ESTIMATES OF EXTENT DESTRUCTION TO LIFE AND PROPERTY AS WELL AS HOW U.S. PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IS PLANNED TO BE USED. FYI TO HAVE AID/OFDA ACTION THE REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR SHOULD COME FROM GOI RATHER THAN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS ARE NORMALLY USED FOR SHORT TERM ACTIVITIES;

AS DISTINGUISHED FROM FUIULI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH REQUIRED SPECIAL LEGISLATION. THEY ARE NOT USED TO PROVIDE PERMANENT REPLACEMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, EG, RATHER THEY ARE USED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND COMMODITIES FOR THE RELIEF OF DISASTER VICTIMS.

4. A PRUDENT COURSE MIGHT BE TO AWAIT SUBMISSION OF GOI REQUIREMENTS ON OCTOBER 11 PER REFTEL. AT THAT TIME EMBASSY MIGHT BE IN BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE EXTENT UNMET NEEDS. DECONTROL AS OF 10/09/78. CHRISTOPHER

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